IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 4, 5 and 6 and add claims 7-20 as follows:

1.   (Original) A recording and reproduction apparatus comprising:

storage means for storing recording data including at least voice data;

database creation means for creating a database by converting the voice data in the recording data into text data;

input means for inputting a keyword; and

search means for searching the database based on the keyword.

2.   (Original) A recording and reproduction apparatus comprising:

storage means for storing recording data including input voice data as files;

voice to data conversion means for extracting the voice data from the recording data, and for converting the extracted voice data into text data;

database storage means for storing the text data as a database;

input means for inputting a keyword; and

search means for searching the database based on the keyword, and for outputting the files including the voice data relating to the keyword.

3.   (Original) A recording and reproduction apparatus comprising:

storage means for storing, as files, input video and voice data in a recording medium;

voice to data conversion means for extracting voice data from the video and voice data, and for converting the extracted voice data into text data;

cutout means for cutting out words from the text data;

database storage means for storing the words cut out in the storage medium as a database linked to the files;

input means for inputting a keyword; and

search means for searching the database based on the keyword, and outputting the files including the words matched to the keyword.

4.   (Currently Amended) The recording and reproduction apparatus according to claim 2

[[or 3]], wherein

each of the files includes category information, and

the search means conducts a search based on the keyword after narrowing

down the files according to the category information.

5.   (Currently Amended) The recording and reproduction apparatus according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein

the input means converts the keyword input as a voice into text data, and

the search means compares the text data on the keyword with the text data in

the database.

6.   (Currently Amended) The recording and reproduction apparatus according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein

the text data is comprised of kanas, the kanas being Japanese syllabic

alphabets.

7.   (New) The recording and reproduction apparatus according to claim 3, wherein

each of the files includes category information, and

the search means conducts a search based on the keyword after narrowing

down the files according to the category information.

8.   (New) The recording and reproduction apparatus according to claim 2, wherein

the input means converts the keyword input as a voice into text data, and

the search means compares the text data on the keyword with the text data in

the database.

9.   (New) The recording and reproduction apparatus according to claim 3, wherein

the input means converts the keyword input as a voice into text data, and

the search means compares the text data on the keyword with the text data in

the database.

10.   (New) The recording and reproduction apparatus according to claim 4, wherein

the input means converts the keyword input as a voice into text data, and the search means compares the text data on the keyword with the text data in the database.

11. (New) The recording and reproduction apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the input means converts the keyword input as a voice into text data, and the search means compares the text data on the keyword with the text data in the database.

12. (New) The recording and reproduction apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the text data is comprised of kanas, the kanas being Japanese syllabic alphabets.

13. (New) The recording and reproduction apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the text data is comprised of kanas, the kanas being Japanese syllabic alphabets.

14. (New) The recording and reproduction apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the text data is comprised of kanas, the kanas being Japanese syllabic alphabets.

15. (New) The recording and reproduction apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the text data is comprised of kanas, the kanas being Japanese syllabic alphabets.

16. (New) The recording and reproduction apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the text data is comprised of kanas, the kanas being Japanese syllabic alphabets.

17. (New) The recording and reproduction apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the text data is comprised of kanas, the kanas being Japanese syllabic alphabets.

18. (New) The recording and reproduction apparatus according to claim 9, wherein the text data is comprised of kanas, the kanas being Japanese syllabic alphabets.

19. (New) The recording and reproduction apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the text data is comprised of kanas, the kanas being Japanese syllabic alphabets.

20. (New) The recording and reproduction apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the text data is comprised of kanas, the kanas being Japanese syllabic alphabets.